In the specification:

✓ page 1, line 3, replace "Prior Art" with -- Background of the Invention --.

∠Page 1, first paragraph, amend as follows:

The invention relates to method for producing a joining connection, in particular between excitation poles and the pole housing of an electrical machine, [having the characteristics recited in the preamble to claim 1,] as well as to an electrical machine produced thereby.

✓ Page 3, change the heading "Advantages of the Invention" to -- Summary of the Invention --.

Amend the second paragraph, which is the first full paragraph on page 3 as follows:

With the method according to the invention [as defined by the characteristics of the body of claim 1,] it is possible to create a positive and nonpositive connection between the excitation poles and the pole housing

in a simple way compared to the prior art. Because the pole housing is secured to the excitation poles by means of separate rivets, a positive and nonpositive connection is obtained in spot fashion at at least one joining location. Furthermore, this connection is achieved by means of simple method steps and a simple tool.

On page 4, delete the paragraph in lines 9-12 in its entirety.

On page 4, line 13, change the heading "Drawings" to -- Brief Description of the Drawings --.

On page 4, line 23, change the heading "Description of the Exemplary Embodiment" to -- Description of the Preferred Embodiments --.

Page 1, first paragraph, amended:

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Amended second paragraph, which is the first full paragraph on page 3:

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